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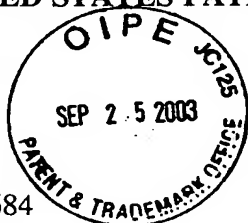
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For: FORCE-RESISTING DEVICES AND )  
METHODS FOR STRUCTURES )



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a force resisting device, classified in class 52, subclass 1.

Group II: Claims 19 and 20, drawn to a method of restoring stiffness, classified in class 52, subclass 741.3.

Group III: Claim 21, drawn to a method of selecting a force resistant device using computer generated models, classified in class 702, subclass 41.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants elect Group I, Claim 1-18.

Respectfully submitted,  
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